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Some Speculation as to the Meaning of Senator Sherman's Selection for the Cabinet-A Strong Republican Policy Indi-

ented-Other Matters. Special Washington Letter.

The political guesser has become an important part of the modern machinery for gathering news, and, as such, he undoubtedly, deserves some consideration. But, as a fact, the re-tinence of those in authority seems to increase with the activity of this department of modern journalism, and I see no reason as yet to change my view that very much cannot be learned regarding the policy of the incoming administration in advance of its own declarations .

Senator Sherman, since it was defi-nitely known that he had accepted the tender of the premier place in the new cabinet has been besieged with interviewers. One report sent out over the country was to the effect that he had declared himself against recognition of Cuba by the United States. It was only natural that he should deny this report, and it is rather strange that any responsible news bureau should credit so careful and wary a politician with so unlikely a statement. No doubt the guessers will keep at work. But that any communicative individual really knows just what is going to happen when a change comes, or that any definite declaration of policy will precede the new President's inaugural address or message to a special session of Congress, should there be one, may be considered extremely doubtful.

The choice of Senator Sherman as successor to Secretary Olney, however, affords legitimate ground for speculation. It is considered here a very distinctive "pointer" as regards the character of the coming federal programme. In the first place, it would seem to point to a strong and comprehensive political programme, with foreign affairs as one of its principal features. Senator Sherman's whole career shows him to be distinctively diplomatic in character. One might look to him for a strong but rather subtle policy. His views are generally strenuously held and clearly expressed, but rarely persisted in as against the voice of his own party or the demands of a successful policy. The opinion here is that he will be scarcely as aggressive a diplomat as Olney has been, but one whom it will be very difficult indeed for any foreign office to get the advantage of. There is also an opinion that financial and commercial matters may characterize the new foreign policy rather more than it has the existing one.

Excepting Blaine, Senator Sherman is the only recent appointee to the Secretary of State's office who has had a long and distinguished Congressional career as a member of the party actually controlling legislation. He has held a seat in the United States Senate longer than any other man who ever entered that body, and it is not too much to say that none of his contemporaries have exercised a larger influence in actually determining events. As it is with the Senate rather than the House that the new Administration is likely sooner or later to find itself at odds, his choice would seem to indicate a purpose on the part of the coming powers to be or not to be at any needless disadvantage in a species of warfare that has done so much to embarrass and annoy Mr. Cleveland during both of his administrations. There are very



Senator John Sherman.

few here, who know the Senator, who consider his appointment as in any respect a makeshift in the cabinet slate. It is said that the appointment was really tendered to him the second week in November.

There are also some who regard the selection of the Ohio statesman as indicating a purpose to pursue rather a moderate policy in tariff matters. It is believed that this policy will look rather broadly to uniting the commercial and manufacturing interests of the Eastern and Middle States with the Agricultural and business interests of the great Central States of the West, and perhaps embodies a reciprocity programme on rather an extensive scale, in which case the duties and powers of the Secretary of State would be greatly augumented.

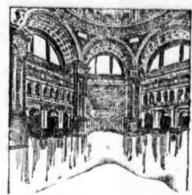
Although the new Congressional Library was happile are ad from being the scene of the foatsaral ball, the fact rather increases than lessons its availability as one of the attractions of the inauguration evert. Next to the capitol itself, it is the chow building of the capital city, and will doubtless be visited by thousands during inauguration Visitors to it will see a public building that has been finished after a harmonious and, on the whole, admirable design, and that has been built within the limit of the apropriation provided. In its decorations, it is a distinct advance on any other federal building, and really, artistically considered, has probably not an equal on this

side of the water. Washington hotel and boardinghouse are preparing to reap a rich harvest out of the inauguration crowds, and those who intend to stay even a single night will do well to engage rooms in advance, as the demand already indicates that there will be a scarcity. Very fancy prices are already quoted at the principal hotels, and smaller hostleries on the line of march, but those who take time by the forelock will have little difficulty in get-

ting accommodations at a fair price. The fact that Secretary Olney has been asked to appear before the Foreign Affair's Committee of the Senate, which his to-be successor in office, Senator Sherman, is chairman, inditreaty will be ratified, but there can Durbin, Wright & Co., druggists, Car scarcely be any as to its ultimate adop-

tion. The idea, advanced in some quarters, that the treaty would permit England to submit the possession of the control of the Nicaragua Canal to ar-bitration, and practically to millify the Monroe Doctrine, is simply foolish Either nation, under the terms of the treaty, can refuse to arbitrate and question when its honor is concerned, and certainly this country has made it very clear to Europe that its honor is concerned in maintaining the Monroe Doc-

The alleged Cuban programme pacification still hangs fire, and it seems probable that most talk on the subject has been gossip. It would seem from this viewpoint that the only possible way for Spain to pacify the island was either to whip or treat with the There is no evidence that Spain is any nearer to subduing the



Rotunda of Congressional Library.

rebellion than heretofore. Probably no Cuban leader, unless it be Maximez Gomez, has really power to come to terms with the Spaniards. There seems to be no evidence that the Cuban Junta has any thoughts of surrender. How far a proclamation of reform and amnesty on the part of the Spanish government may affect affairs remains to

The Senate has taken up the Nicaragua Canal bill, which will remain the unfinished business until it is disposed of. Senator Morgan has the bill in charge, and the veteran parliamentarian is determined to see it passed. The opnion is that the bill will get through the Senate all right. The bill provides for an issue of \$100,000,000 of maritime canal company stock, of which the Secretary of the Treasury in behalf of the United States is to subscribe for \$70,000,000 worth of shares, The company is to issue bonds up to \$160,000,000, these to be guaranteed by the United States. The building and control of the canal are given to American engineers and a board of eleven directors, of whom five are to be appointed by the President The indications are that the efforts

of the government to enforce the neutrality laws against American vessels carrying war supplies to the Cuban revolutionists will fail. In his rulings at Jacksonville, Judge Locke, before whom the case of the "Three Friends was brought, has sustained the excep tions to the governments' case on the grounds that the Cubans have not been recognized as belligerents of war. Judge Locke allowed the government attorney ten days in which to file an amended information, but it looks as if the famous fillbuster would go scot TOWNSEND.

Ancient Tar and Feathers.

"There is a general impression, in this country at least, that the institutinctively American. Nothing could be further from the mark." observed Judge Riley of the Virginia bar. fact is, what we understand to be a coating of tar and feathers is of ancient origin. There is also an idea affoat that tar and feathers is a sort of Southern celebration, that it was invented there, and that it is of common occurrence in that section of our loved country. I assure you that both these ideas are wrong all through. In the first place, while there is plenty of tar in the South the stock of feathers is not so large. And again, they are too valuable to use in such a way.

Where a person deserves such a treatment it is much easier and better to give him a thorough cowhiding. A cowniding sticks as well as a coating of tar if it is properly applied. Tar and feathers originated in the days of Richard Coeur Lice over eight hundred years ago, as la evidenced by one of his ordinances for seamen, as fol: lows: 'That if any man is taken with theft or pickery, and thereof convicted he shall have his head polled and hot pitch poured upon his pate, and upon that the feathers of some pillow or cushion shaken aloft that he may thereby be known for a thief,-Washington Evening Star.

The Labrador Indians.

The scattered Indian tribes of Labrador are said to be gradually perishing from destitution and disease. The coasts frequented by them are all but exhausted of game and fur-bearing animals, and he taking of beaver has been prohibited until 1900 in order to prevent its total destruction. By the time they are permitted to again trap the beaver there will probably be no Indians left upon this portion of the

He Bit the Dust.

He bit the dust. He, the hero of a hundred battles, at last put himself in line with the onward march of time.

He bit the dust. Perceiving that his teeth had left two distinct dents in the coin he thus experimented upon, he observed that if they could not put up better dust in change than lead quarters, he would deal at another shop.-New York Press.

Ten Theusand Revolutions Per Minute. At least one large firm manufacturing dynamos and motors is, says the American Engineer, at work upon motor that will run at a speed of 10, 900 revolutions per minute. This motor, if it can be successfully constructed, will be used by the United States Government on men-of-war to start the propelling machinery of Howell torpedoes just before they are fired from their tubes. This torpedo is propelled by the energy stored in a small fly-weel inside of it, made to revolve at a speed of 10,000 revolutions, and at present a steam turbine is the only motor of simple form that is available to rotate the fly-wheel at that speed,

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THE WIFE'S STRATEGY

In one of the local business houses. no matter what kind of a store or what

THE WRECK AND THE RESCUE.

home is in Georgetown. About a week ago he came down to work two hours late and looking as if he had made a night of it, indeed, much to the surprise of the proprietor and the other clerks, who have known him as a very steady young man, as, in fact, he is. Heroes at \$50 a Month. But to the story of it. "I don't doubt it,"

ployer, "I didn't know you were of intemperate habits." "I never have been, I'm sure, though, of course, when I wanted a drink I al-

said he in explanation to his employer,

"and I don't care how bad I look, I

"But what happened?" asked the em-

feel a dozen times worse."

Shrewd Woman Who Reads Newspaper

and Profits Thereby.

ways took it." Then what's the matter now? I

hope your marriage has not driven you The clerk looked helplessly at his employer, almost appealingly.
"That's mighty near it," he said, turning paler at the thought. "You thunder on the shore see, it was this way. I have always It is not a night to

told my wife, even before we were married, that I never touched a drop of anything stronger than coffee and had never done so. I had to do it because she was so rabid on temperance that if I hadn't she wouldn't have married me. Well, we've never had a shade of trouble on the subject, for if I wanted a drink I took it downtown and never got home soon enough afterward for her to suspect anything. "Not long ago she read something

in one of the confounded newspapers to the effect that some women had found out a way to catch her husband if he were telling stories to her about his drinking, and I smiled and kissed her and told her that I was very thankful, and she ought to be, that her husband was above suspicion and didn't need to have a detective bounding him, or something like that.

"Then she kissed me and said she hoped it would always be so, and I told her I knew it would be. I never gave the matter any further thought, and last night as I came out to come down town on some business of her father's I left her upstairs talking with her mother, and she called me as I opened the front door and told me to stop in the dining room and turn the gas down. I obeyed, and when I got in there I noticed on the table a bottle from the drug store, labeled 'whisky.'

"I suppose it belonged to the cook or somebody in the kitchen department and had been left there by mistake, and just for a flyer I thought I would take a nip of it to brace me up on my trip down town, as I felt a little kind of clammy inside, anyway.

"A minute after the nip got down my gullet I thought my everlasting doom was sealed, and I set up a yell for the women folks. They didn't come very fast, but when they did get down they didn't seem half as scared as I was, and my wife didn't do a thing but laugh at me. That made me mad, living or dead, and I began to grow calm out of spite. At the same time I didn't know what the blamed bottle contained and was still scared half out of my wits. Then my wife took up the bottle and looked carefully at the label.

"'Why, Charlie, said she, how did it ever happen? I thought you never touched a drop of anything stronger than coffee. That's why I had that label put on the bottle." Don't worry;

it won't kill you.' "And it didn't," sighed the clerk "but, oh, what a time I had for two hours, and how I wrestled all night and till late this morning with that confounded nip I took out of that infernal trap my wife set for me."ington Star.

Knew a Good Thing.

Little Algy was invited over to the neighbor's for his Christmas dinner and the first thing that caught his eye was a big cream cake. He declined fish, and turkey, and his hosts feared he was so bashful he would not his head is a rubber fisherman's hat, wreck as well as ashore a bridge has

"Now, Algy, what are going have?" he was asked.

"Cake." He was given a generous slice, and in an incredibly short space of time it

had disappeared. "What will you have now, Algy?" he was asked.

Another piece went the way of the "Would you like something else, Al-"More cake,"

"I'm afraid you will have bad dreams eye of Barnegat light, but not another if you eat so much of that rich cake." Algy was silent. "Can't I give you something else?"

"Yep: cake." "Well, you can have one more piece but I know you will have bad dreams. The next morning early Algy appeared at the door of his late hosts.

"I just come over to tell you that

didn't dream nothing," he remarked. "Can I have some more cake?"-San Francisco Post.

His Last Allas. "Your cousin was a sort of easy speakin' feller with a crook in his eye? said Rubberneck Bill to the inquiring

"Yes. His right name was William Hickelberry. Did he go by that name

"Naw. He had half a dozen other

names, though. The last one, I re-member, was give to him by the boys An' it was Ole Stocking." "Really? How did it happen?"

"Well, you see, it was Christmas eve when they hung him up."-Indianapolis Journal.

Cantor on Canvass. Artist-How do you like the por-"Well, I don't exactly like the nose." Artist-Neither do I-but it's yours. -Twinkles.

Up Against It. Riffet-That was a terrible accident that happened to the air ship. Sparks-What was the trouble? "They ran into a Chicago cloud."-

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Patrolling the Jersey Beach In a Storm.

number it bears, as this is no advertisement, there is a clerk who had been a husband for about a year, and whose

> Shooting a Life Line to the Vessel and Hauling the Crew Ashere-Dangers and Hardships of the Life Saving Service.

It is nearing 12 o'clock of a midwinter's night on the Jersey coast. The old Atlantic is in one of its worst moods. For several days it has been lashed into fury by a January storm which was born far out among the Rocky mountains and swept across the country in a shroud of rain and snow and sleet to spend its wrath out at sea, where there is none but sailor folk to heed. Back like an echo across the ocean has come an answering storm out of the east, foreign born and vicious, and it is this which is piling up the big waves that

It is not a night to choose for a ramble along the sands. The roar of the surf, which at close range sounds like artillery practice, is carried many miles inland, and it seems as if the wind is determined to take some of the water along with it, for the flying scud, snatched from the tops of the rollers, sails shoreward for hundreds of feet before it

Decidedly a Jersey beach is no place for a stroll on such a night. Yet if you were there you might see by the light of a swaying lantern which he carries a solitary figure plunging along in the darkness, climbing over the sand dunes. stumbling over obstacles and now and then stopping to shield his face from the

A STORY OF LIFE SAVING hastily out and get into their collskins with the rapidity which only comes from long practice,

The keeper, who acts as captain of the crew, is the first out. A glance at the surf, which is almost mountain high, assures him that to try and launch the lifeboat, self righting and self bailing though it be, would be a task worse than useless, so he puts his hands to his mouth and roars:

"Bring out the gun, boys! Rush her

By the gun the keeper means the Lyle cannon, with which every station on the coast is equipped. It is part of the breeches buoy apparatus and has probably been instrumental in saving more lives than any other life saving machinery ever invented. The crew of six men throw open the doors of the house in which the gun and carriage are kept and run it out over the sands at as lively pace as ever they did on practice days.

Once the wreck is reached more torches are lighted, that the unfortunate sailors may know help is at hand. The cannon is unlimbered, the sand anchor planted, the shot line box placed in po-sition and the gun is loaded. Although it is pitch dark, except for the uncertain flare of the torches, although the life savers are lashed with snow and sleet and smother, each man does his work quickly and well. He knows just what to do and when to do it. This is the re sult of being drilled three times a week for seven months in the year and in all kinds of weather.

The keeper aims the gun and pulls the lanyard. The iron shell is hurled



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From the Courier-Herald, Saginaw, Mich.

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heavily and caused a man to become widely known and extremely pitied.

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To hear the pitiful story of one who has suffered who could not move a muscle for one whole year and who is now convalescent through the aid of a wonderful medium might lead one to believe that miracles are performed in this day and an

whole year and who is now convalescent through the aid of a wonderful medium might lead one to believe that miracles are performed in this day and age. They are, but not as in times of old. This time it is through the hand of man that life is restored.

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been established across which the men

who a few moments before were staring

death in the face can pass with safety.

and forth, bearing at each return a wet,

At the station the cook, who has re

steaming coffee and perhaps a kettle of

hot chowder. He has warm blankets

and dry clothes, too, and he welcomes

the shipwrecked men in hearty fashion,

while they in turn thank their stars

that Uncle Sam has been so thoughtful

They occupy a rather obscure posi-

half frozen, but grateful sailor.

TO THE RESCUE.

is dressed for the weather, though. On | lows, and when this is fastened to the

member of a United States life saving The breeches buoy is soon whirling back

walk, and the inexperienced landsman mained behind, has prepared big pots of

of poor Jack.

with ear laps tied under his chin. Below

this comes a yellow oilskin coat and

then high rubber wading boots. He is a

service crew, and he is doing his turn

would say that it was a useless one.

There is nothing to be seen, either land-

ward or seaward. In the latter direction

the waves' crests smear the blackness

with dingy white ridges, but that is all.

Away to the south shines the brilliant

Still the patrol stops now and then

and tries to pierce the darkness which

obscures the sea. For weeks he and his

companions have tramped over the same

ground and have not been called upon to

act. He knows that all up and down

our 10,000 miles of seacoast, not only

on the Atlantic seaboard, but along the

gulf of Mexico, the Pacific coast and the

shores of the Great lakes, the weary

watch is kept, just as he is keeping it

there, and this is a somewhat cheering

Suddenly there comes to his ears a

sound that was not made by the boom-

ing of the waves or the shricking of the

wind. He stops and listens. There it is

again. It is the creaking of ropes in

blocks and the slat of canvas. Straining

his eyes, he peers out into the gloom

and mist and catches a glimpse of some-

ness and the cold. There, scarcely half

a mile out, he makes out the red and

green side lights of a ship. A vessel is being driven on the treacherous shore.

Now he acts quickly. Unslinging a rubber covered package from his back,

he takes out a torch, which is known as

a Coston light. Lighting it, he holds it

high-above his head. The red glare is

cast far out on the waters. Undoubtedly

the men on the endangered vessel can

see it. But have they seen it in time? If

they have, perhaps they can wear off

and get out to sea again, where there is

But, no! The vessel drives on, helpless

to her fate. Sticking the torch in the

sand, the patrol starts for the station on

the run. Time is precious now, for with

the sea that is running the crew will not

be able to live long on the wreck. Ten

minutes later the patrol bursts open the

door of the messroom and shouts in a

Then comes a transformation scene

in the station. It is much like that

which happens in a firehouse when an

plarm comes in, only here it has a more

dramatic setting. A moment before and

safety.

husky, tragic voice:

"Ship ashore!"

thing that makes him forget his weari

thing is to be distinguished.

reflection in his loneliness.

It is a lonely and most uncomfortable

as beach patrol.

The Whipping Post In Boston Alice Morse Earle, in an article or 'Punishments of Bygone Days,' found in The Chapbook, after giving John Taylor the Water Poet's rhymed descrip tions of corporal punishment in London explains how rapidly flogging came into use in Boston:

The whipping post was speedily in ull force in Boston. At the session of be court held Nov. 30, 1630, one man was sen enced to be whipped for stealing a loaf of bread, another for shooting fowl on the Sabbath, another for swearing, another for leaving a boat "without a pylott." Then we read of John Pease that for "stryking his mother and deryding her he shalbe whipt."

Lying, swearing, taking false toll, perjury, selling rum to the Indians-all were punished by whipping. Pious regard for the Sabbath was fiercely upheld by the support of the whipping post. In 1648, Roger Scott, for "repeated sleeping on the Lord's day," and for striking the person who waked him from his godiess slumber, was sentenced to be severely whipped. Women were not spared in public chastisement. "The the life savers were sleeping comfortably in their warm banks. Now they tumble in Boston by lashes, as was unwomanly